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LETTER DATED 6 JANUARY 2000 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw your attention to the attached copies, in English and French, of the statement issued on 5 January 2000 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union concerning the parliamentary elections held in the Republic of Croatia on 3 January 2000.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English, French]

Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union concerning the parliamentary elections held in the Republic of Croatia on 3 January 2000

The European Union welcomes the parliamentary elections held in the Republic of Croatia, on 3 January 2000. Those elections, which the international observers considered to have been conducted in a calm and orderly manner, with the voters able to express their political will freely, may represent a significant step towards drawing Croatia closer to the perspective of full integration into European structures.

The European Union congratulates the people of Croatia for the democratic manner in which the elections were conducted and calls for all political forces to respect and honour the electoral results.

The European Union reaffirms its readiness to develop and intensify its cooperation with the Republic of Croatia, should the future Government pursue meaningful reforms, deepening its democratic institutions, strengthening its respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and carrying through economic reforms, and take measures leading to ethnic reconciliation and regional peace and stability.